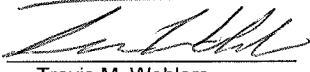


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This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2011. A Petition for a two-month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently, which brings the deadline to December 20, 2011. The required fees are being charged to a credit card through EFS-Web. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any underpayment of fees or any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 in connection with the filing of this paper from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/SONN:093US/10607461.

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